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SUBJECT: ARMENIA: PARLIAMENT RATIFIES INTERNATIONAL LABOR
CONVENTIONS

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[1](#)1. Per reftels, Post provides the following update regarding
exploitive child labor:

-- On October 3, the Armenian National Assembly ratified
International Labor Organization (ILO) Minimum Age Convention
[1](#)138. Armenpress News Agency quoted Labor and Social Affairs
Minister Aghvan Vardanyan, who described the National
Assembly's vote to ratify the convention as a step "to
prevent any instances of exploitation of children."

[1](#)2. In the same session, the Armenian National Assembly
ratified ILO Conventions 14, 26, 97, 118, 132 and 143.
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